MR. N. APPANNA REDDY (Bangalore Taluk).—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether they are aware of the fact that the *nalas* under Amani Bellandur major tank are in disrepair?

(*b*) What is the assessment on the *atchkat* lands under the said tank?

(*c*) Is it a fact that the *nalas* under this tank are 3 to 4 miles in length?

(*d*) Have petitions been presented to Government in the past by the raiyats for the repair of these *nalas*?

(*e*) If so, what arrangements have been made in this behalf?

(*f*) Is it possible to levy dry rates on the lands situated at the tail-end of the *atchkat* which do not get adequate supply of water for irrigation?

(*g*) Is it not possible for the Government to appoint a *monegar* for such a big tank?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—6. (*a*) Yes, due to the cumulative neglect of raiyats.

(*b*) Rs. 4,483.

(*c*) Nearly 3 miles.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The raiyats have to do their share of the work. Certain improvements are also said to be desirable and an estimate has been prepared in the Public Works Department.

(*f*) The inadequate supply, if any, has to be attributed to neglect of maintenance and Government cannot convert lands into dry on this account.

(*g*) Will be considered.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. N. Appanna Reddy.—

Are not these *nalas* to be repaired by Government?

Chief Engineer.—

No. The earthwork should be done by the raiyats themselves.

Mr. N. Appanna Reddy.—

Were the Government realising Rs. 4,483 by way of assessment on the *atchkat* lands under the said tank?

Chief Engineer.—

Yes.

Mr. N. Appanna Reddy.—

If the raiyats cannot repair these big *nalas*, what is the remedy?

Chief Engineer.—

If they pay the acreage cess which comes to about 12 annas to one rupee per acre, then, they would be absolved of the responsibility of maintaining the *nalas* in good condition and the Government will do what is necessary for them.

Mr. N. Appanna Reddy.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that, for a long time, the *nalas* were in disrepair?

Chief Engineer.—

Yes.

Mr. N. Appanna Reddy.—

Would it not have been better if the repairs had been effected year after year?

Chief Engineer.—

This is the duty of the raiyats. They should have done it.

Mr. N. Appanna Reddy.—

When were the estimates prepared?

Chief Engineer.—

Some years ago.

Mr. N Appanna Reddy.—

Would it not be possible for the Government to take up this work in the course of this year?

Chief Engineer.—

We cannot promise owing to financial stringency.

Mr. Guruswami Gowda.—

When the *nala* was in disrepair for such a long time owing to the neglect of the raiyats, how was it that the Government took no notice of it?

Chief Engineer.—

The raiyats might not have done their portion of the work in spite of the advice given by the department.

Mr. Guruswami Gowda.—

Could not the Government have taken up the repairs themselves?

Chief Engineer.—

Not until there was danger to the Katte or other vital part of the *nala.*

Mr. Guruswami Gowda.—

Are not the raiyats put to heavy losses on account of the *nalas* being in disrepair?

Chief Engineer.—

Yes, but it is due to their own neglect.

Mr. Guruswami Gowda.—

Should not Government take action in time to get the *nalas* repaired?

Chief Engineer.—

When it is found necessary for the Government to take action, they will do so.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

You say that the raiyats neglected their duties. Did the department give the raiyats a *hisse patti* showing the contribution required from each of them owing to their neglect to repair the *nala* for a long time? Are the Government aware that there are rules in the Revenue Manual for giving *hisse pattis* to the raiyats in such cases?

First Member of Council.—

If you are aware of the rules, why do you ask the Government?

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Because you have said that the raiyats have neglected to do their duty, I want to elicit information whether the Government had taken necessary action as required by the rules.

First Member of Council.—

You ask whether *hisse patti* was given to the raiyats. I want notice to answer the question.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Has any mention been made about the condition of the *nalas* relating to this tank in the inspection reports of the Deputy Commissioner?

First Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

The answer to sub-section (*g*) is that the matter will be considered. May I know when it will be considered?

First Member of Council.—

As early as possible.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

It is stated in reply to sub-section (*e*) that certain improvements are said to be desirable. May I know what those improvements are?

Chief Engineer.—

A lifting dam across the waste weir.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

In how many places?

Chief Engineer.—

There is an estimate for one.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

At what cost?

Chief Engineer.—

Rs. 1,900.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Having taken nearly Rs. 5,000 per annum by way of assessment for so many years past, is it right on the part of the Government to say that until contribution is paid, no repair could be undertaken?

First Member of Council.—

You are entering upon an argument.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Is there a Tank Panchayet connected with this tank?

First Member of Council.—

I do not know.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Can you appoint a Panchayet at least now?

First Member of Council.—

We shall consider.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

If the jamabandi officers had investigated into the matter in time, could this not have been remedied long ago?

First Member of Council.—

You may form your own conclusions. The Government emphasize the importance of the Amildars and Sub-Division Officers inspecting the tanks and taking steps to maintain them in proper condition. If, in any case, such a duty has been neglected, Government will take action against the officers responsible for such neglect.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Is it not evident in the present case that the officers have not discharged one of their fundamental duties?

First Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Have the raiyats been given notice of the repairs required to be effected by them? My own impression is

that the revenue officers have failed to impress upon the raiyats the consequences of their neglect.

First Member of Council.—

We will look into the matter.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

If the Government are convinced after investigation that the officers have neglected their duties in respect of this tank, will the Government take action against them?

First Member of Council.—

I have already answered that question.

Mr. N. Channappa.—

How long is it since this tank came into existence?

First Member of Council.—

Notice.

Mr. N. Channappa.—

Was it repaired at any time?

First Member of Council.—

Notice.

MR. GURUSWAMI GOWDA (Hoskote Taluk).—

Q.—7. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When was the census or *khaneshumari* of Hoskote Municipality taken?

(*b*) What are the reasons for not taking *khaneshumari* at the time of every municipal election although the rules require it?

(*c*) In regard to the nominations to the Hoskote Municipality during the last re-constitution, what are the reasons for nominating uneducated people although there were a number of applications from eligible candidates?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—7. (*a*) February 1931 (Decennial Census).

(*b*) Election rules do not require the taking of *khaneshumari* or census at the time of every election.